DPS announces crime victims grant opportunities

The Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) is requesting grant applications to increase the delivery of direct services to crime victims under the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Assistance Program. Sub-grants to successful applicants will be funded for six months, from January 1, 2006 to June 30, 2006.

Eligible applicants are nonprofit and governmental agencies providing services to victims of violent crime. The project must provide services exclusively in a (new) geographical region where the applicant agency is not currently funded by DPS. Funds assure direct services to help crime victims achieve positive outcomes in the four basic need areas supported by VOCA: healing, safety, justice, and economic restabilization. Victims include but are not limited to sexual assault victims, elder abuse victims, physically and sexually abused children, victims of domestic violence, survivors of homicide victims, etc.

Services cannot include prevention, protocol development, or any service for offenders.

For the complete request for grant application announcement, and/or to request a DPS-VOCA grant application, go to <a href="www.az.victims.org">www.az.victims.org</a> and click on the Web-based Automated Grants System (WAGS) link.